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Reply to Office Action of March 21, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2005 wherein claims 1, 3-6, 9 and 12-14 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting; claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15 and 16 are objected to; and, claims 17-20 are allowed. In this amendment, claims 8 and 15 were canceled and claims 1 and 9 were amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-20 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 12-14 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending application No. 10/248,153. Applicants respectfully submit that a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R §1.321(b) and (c) by an attorney of record authorized to sign is being submitted along with the response. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 9 were amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 8 and 15, respectively. As amended, each claim now recites a plurality of first target elements comprising at least one line of target elements. Further support for this amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, paragraph 22. Claims 2-7, 10-14 and 16 recite further inventive features and therefore are similarly allowable. Claims 17-20 were deemed allowable by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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